wastes. To encourage production of cost-effective and waste based building materials, particularly those utilising fly-ash, phosphogypsum, red mud, etc., excise and customs duty exemption are available to these entrepreneurs. The cost-effctive materials and technologies are being disseminated through the National Network of Building Centres which is a Central Scheme in operation since 1988-89.

(c) The details of various housing schemes in the Central sector supplementing the efforts of the State Governments are as under:—

— Central sector scheme of shelter upgradation under NRY and night shelter and sanitation facility for urban footpath dwellers is under implementation since 1988-89.

— Indira Awas Yojana, a 100% Central subsidy scheme under rural housing, for poor SC/ST households and freed bonded labourers is under implementation by Ministry of Rural Development since 6th Five Year Plan. Since inception of Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), a total number of 18,92,206 houses have been constructed.

— Ministry of Rural Development has launched during 8th Five Year Plan a new Centrally sponsored housing scheme for rural households below the poverty line with an outlay of Rs. 350 crores.

— 55% of HUDCO's housing funds are earmarked for EWS and LIG categories.

— HUDCO provided financial assistance for housing schemes for the benefits of Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) and Low Income Groups (LIG) at lower rates of interest.

— A new scheme for grant of loan to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for implementation of house construction/upgradation programmes for the benefit of urban poor has been launched by HUDCO.

Demolishing old chimneys in Sarojini Nagar by CPWD

1873. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of allottees of Government flats in XY, YZ and Z blocks of Sarojini Nagar had in the recent past deposited their contributions with CPWD for demolishing old chimneys in kitchens of their flats and for providing stone slabs therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last one year and the number of chimneys demolished in these blocks during the said period;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in a number of flats the work has been left incomplete without providing the requisite stone slabs in the kitchens which is causing hardships to the housewives;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Four chimneys were demolished/repaired in Quarter No. YZ-49, YZ-50, YZ-51 and Z-50 in Sarojini Nagar.

(c) No work is left incomplete.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.